**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF CYNTHIA GRAHAM HURD, LIBRARIAN, COMMUNITY SERVANT‑LEADER, DEVOTED FAMILY MEMBER, RESPECTED COLLEAGUE, AND FRIEND TO THE MANY CITIZENS OF CHARLESTON WHOSE LIVES SHE INFLUENCED IN A LIFETIME OF SERVICE.

Whereas, born in Charleston on June 21, 1960, Cynthia Graham Hurd was the daughter of Melvin and Henrietta Johnson Graham. This lifelong resident of Charleston’s North Central community received her early education at Immaculate Conception School, James Simons Elementary School and the High School of Charleston. In pursuit of higher education, the young Cynthia earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics at Clark Atlanta University and in 1989 earned her master’s degree in library and information science at the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, from 1990 to 2011, she served as manager of the John L. Dart Branch of the Charleston County Public Library (CCPL), gaining promotion in 2011 to the post of manager at CCPL’s St. Andrews Regional Library. Simultaneously, she served the College of Charleston as a part‑time librarian at the Robert Scott Small Library and Addlestone Library, a service she had performed since the mid 1990s; and

Whereas, during her thirty‑one‑year career, Cynthia Graham Hurd was known for her dedication to helping people, her empathy and compassion, her sense of humor, and her avid love of reading; and

Whereas, a faithful Christian and member of Charleston’s Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Cynthia Graham Hurd was a victim in the tragic events of June 17, 2015, and entered into eternal rest at age fifty‑four on that day; and

Whereas, in February 2016, the John L. Dart Branch of the Charleston County Public Library commissioned a mural to be displayed on its south wall in acknowledgment of Cynthia Graham Hurd’s diligent efforts to preserve, protect, and promote the history and legacy of the Dart family, Dart Hall, and the John L. Dart Library; in recognition of her commitment to making a difference by providing kind and professional customer service to the residents, businesses, and schools of the North Central community, as well as its visitors; and in appreciation for her love of the arts, her community, and literacy; and

Whereas, professional muralist Nick Kuszyk, also known as R. Robots, painted a brightly colored, geometrically inspired collection of bookshelves in collaboration with Enough Pie, a nonprofit organization committed to engaging and inspiring the residents of Charleston’s Upper Peninsula. Dedicated on June 20, 2016, the mural was made possible in part through the generous donation of Winston & Strawn LLP to the Cynthia Graham Hurd Memorial Fund, a fitting tribute to a lovely lady and tireless benefactor of her community. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, celebrate the life of Cynthia Graham Hurd, librarian, community servant‑leader, devoted family member, respected colleague, and friend to the many citizens of Charleston whose lives she influenced in a lifetime of service.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the John L. Dart Branch of the Charleston County Public Library.

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